

Washington, DC – On the eve of the vote by the U.S. House of Representatives on the American Clean Energy and Security Act (H.R. 2454), a clean energy jobs plan that will unleash private sector investment in jobs and new technologies, move America toward energy independence, and reduce the pollution that is causing catastrophic climate change, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) released the following statement:

The American Clean Energy and Security Act is the most important piece of energy legislation ever considered by Congress and it has my strong support. America can no longer delay in securing our energy independence. Furthermore, American leadership is vital to a “green” global economy, creating millions of new jobs here at home, and keeping our planet healthy. The future of every American family is at stake in this legislation and it costs less than 50 cents per day per household. Securing America’s future is worth 50 cents a day.

There are opponents of a clean energy future who continue to have their heads in the sand. They call global warming a “hoax,” a fringe argument made even today on the House floor. These opponents want to maintain our country’s addiction to foreign oil, protect big oil’s profits, and keep us on an unsustainable path that is destroying our planet. I completely reject the denial, addiction and dependence of the champions of failed energy policies of the past.

The time for action is now. Every company and family has the opportunity to make America more secure and more successful for generations to come. The American Clean Energy and Security Act is a historic step toward this goal and it has my full support.

News Stories About the American Clean Energy and Security Act

STAR TRIBUNE: CBO study finds climate bill will cost average household \$175 a year in 2020

The poorest households actually would save \$40 a year while those in the highest income category would face a net increase of \$245 a year, the report estimates.

ASSOCIATED PRESS: CBO climate bill won't be costly

The Congressional Budget Office says the cost of a Democratic proposal to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases would be far lower than Republicans claim.

THE NEW YORK TIMES GREEN INC.: Obama Urges Passage of Climate Bill

President Obama on Tuesday gave a full endorsement to energy and climate change legislation now pending before the House, calling it "extraordinarily important."

REUTERS: Obama urges passage of "historic" climate change bill

Obama said the "historic" climate change bill moving through the House would "transform the way we produce and use energy in America."

POLITICO: Catholic group pushes climate legislation

"Together we can create a healthier and more prosperous world," Sister Dillon, a prominent member of the Franciscan order, says, continuing in distinctly Catholic language. "For me it's not about partisan politics. It's about values and families, human dignity, and the common good."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-4) serves on the House Appropriations & Budget Committees.

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